

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 11-18 and 20-24 are currently pending in the present application, Claims 6-10 and 19 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; and Claims 20-24 have been added to recite features similar to Claim 1-5, respectively, without using language which invokes 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 6-10 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Crosby et al (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 6,628,928, hereinafter "Crosby"); and Claims 1-5 and 11-18 are allowed.

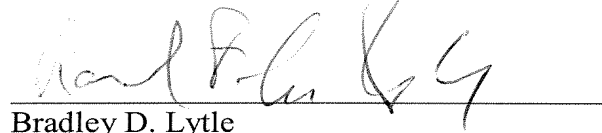
Firstly, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-5 and 11-18.

New Claims 20-24 are added and are supported at least by Claims 1-5. As noted above, Claims 1-5 are allowed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 20 (and the claims dependent therefrom) are allowable.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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